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4. (AMENDED) A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 3, wherein said host cell expresses a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 6 under conditions sufficient for expression of the polypeptide.

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5. (AMENDED) A process for producing a polypeptide fragment thereof comprising culturing the transformed/transfected host cell of claim 4 under conditions sufficient for the expression of said polypeptide fragment.

6. (AMENDED) A membrane preparation of a cell of claim 4 or 5.

Please cancel claims 7-21 without waiver or prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 23-33:

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23. (NEW) The polynucleotide of claim 1, further comprising the use of said polynucleotide or the polypeptide encoded for by said polynucleotide in an analytical or functional assay.

24. (NEW) An isolated and/or purified polynucleotide comprising: a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 6.

25. (NEW) An isolated and/or purified polynucleotide comprising: a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 5.

26. (NEW) An isolated and/or purified polynucleotide comprising: a polynucleotide comprising the cDNA of deposit NCIMB 41074.